

The Undersee World of Pop Culture

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Straight out of the pages of Rolling Stone's current Music Yearbook issue, the eye-popping punk rock poster art of Frank Kozik lends an aptly bizarre backdrop to Chicago's newest - and perhaps loopiest - subterranean culture and comics shop. The Chicago Cartoon and Poster Co., 1941 W. North Ave., specializes in limited edition posters, pop culture collectibles, underground publications, adult comics, T-shirts, and "Murderabilia" (like John Wayne Gacy paintings). There are some rare signed Nelson Algren photos, too.

The cartoon/poster store is run by Shane Bugbee, Mike Johnson, and Bill Kamper; Johnson and Kamper also own the Bucktown Pub & Cartoon Asylum, an original rock concert poster treasure house, at Cortland and Paulina.

The bar's three-year-old Underground Comix Hall of Fame - inductees include Jay Lynch (of Chicago), R. Crumb, and Gilbert Shelton - has also moved to the shop.

"So many people asked us if they could buy things at the pub, we decided we had to open a store," says Kamper, a former music promoter. "Originally, this was stuff we collected ourselves. When we searched for more, we found where the bodies are buried. Now we deal it to support our habit."

Posters, serigraphs, and original work by Frank Kozik - all criminally inexpensive - continues at Chicago Cartoon and Poster, 1941 W. North, through Jan. 22. Open seven days a week, 11 a.m. to midnight; (312) 384-4708.

Shane Bugbee, owner of Chicago Cartoon and Poster Co. (1941 W. North Ave.), at the of Frank Kozik rock art/concert posters.

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